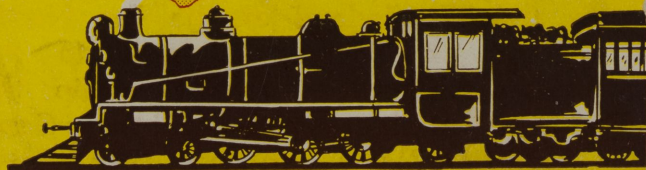


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THE SUNSHINE ROUTE

ALONG THE COAST TO

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QUEENSLAND

MODERN TRAIN TRAVEL



NEW tourist trains, comfortable and well appointed, have been specially constructed by the Queensland Government Rail-

ways for service on the **Sunshine Route** to the Wonderland of the North. An innovation associated with the construction is the use of roller bearings; these were the first complete trains in Australia to be so equipped. Frameless glass windows afford passengers the maximum amount of vision, and the adoption of the semi-elliptic roof provides increased ceiling height, which is especially beneficial in sleeping-cars. Roofs and floors are specially treated, to reduce noise and afford greater comfort during hot weather. Iced water is available in every car, and hot-water containers also are provided. First-class coaches are panelled with polished Queensland red cedar and tastefully upholstered with red chrome leather. Each sleeping cabin has two spacious berths, a wardrobe and locker for each passenger, a writing table and other conveniences. Second-class sleeping cars are panelled with varnished Queensland pine and upholstered with red Fabrex. Each cabin has three berths and is fitted with wash basin, hinged table, etc. The lounge car, which is attached to the rear of the train and is available for use free of charge by first-class sleeping-car passengers, is equipped with revolving arm chairs, as well as folding chairs for use on the observation platform. In the dining car every provision has been made to assure satisfactory cuisine and service, and passengers are served at tables arranged alongside wide-visions windows. A journey by the **Sunshine Express** means carefree travel.

1. Lounge Car, Sunshine Express.
2. Fitzroy River, Rockhampton.
3. Spence Street and Trinity Bay, Cairns.
4. Sydney Street, showing Town Hall, Mackay.
5. The Strand, Townsville.
6. From Gillies Highway, North Queensland.



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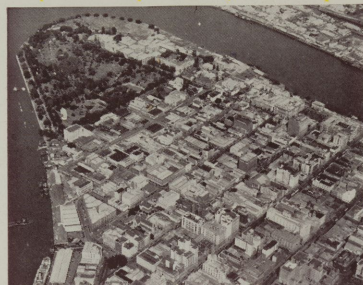


The Sunshine Express in Tropical North Queensland.

THE SUNSHINE ROUTE

ROAD OF ADVENTURE

"**T**HERE are many ways of seeing landscape, and none more vivid, in spite of canting dilettantes, than from a railway train," wrote Robert Louis Stevenson in an essay. The observation is particularly apposite in connection with travel over the **Sunshine Route**, which extends along Queensland's fertile littoral between Brisbane and Cairns for a distance of 1,043 miles—the longest unbroken gauge railroad in the Commonwealth, excepting the Trans-Australian route (1,108 miles).



Brisbane City from the Air (Courtesy Brisbane "Telegraph")

THIS sunlit road of adventure and romance traverses some of the most interesting and picturesque districts in the State, speedily and comfortably transports the traveller from the Temperate to the Tropic Zone, connects the metropolis with the Wonderland of the Far North, and provides easy access to the beautiful island resorts within the enchanted regions of the Great Barrier Reefs. In less than forty-eight hours the tourist is swiftly carried from the poinsettia-plumaged gardens of Brisbane, with its sinuous river and encircling hills, to the fecund beauty of Tropical Australia, with its jungles and sugar-cane plantations, forested tablelands, and coral-girt shores. Follow Spring northward this Winter by way of the **Sunshine Route**!



Botanical Gardens and War Memorial, Maryborough.

Bourbon Street, Bundaberg, Important Sugar Centre.



CORAL GIRT ISLANDS

THE Great Barrier Reefs fringe the greater part of the Queensland coast, providing an incomparable marine playground. Tourist resorts, easily accessible from ports of embarkation along the **Sunshine Route**, are established on a number of the islands—some tiny cays, others towering pine-forested isles. Heron Island, in the Capricorn group of cays, is noted for its extensive coral reefs, which teem with fascinating marine life. Access is by rail to Gladstone, and then by a sea-going launch to the island. Lindeman Island, which offers magnificent island-studded seascapes, is situated a little south of beautiful Whitsunday Passage. It is reached by steamer or by rail to Mackay. Service cars connect with a launch at Seaforth. Day Dream, Hayman, Long, and South Molle Islands are emerald gems set amid all the enchantment of Whitsunday Archipelago. They may be reached by steamer, or by rail to Proserpine and then by service car and launch. Magnetic Island, and a little more distant Palm Islands, are reached from Townsville. Tully is the point of embarkation for Dunk Island. Motor cars connect with the launch at the Hull River landing.

Green Island, a pretty coral cay out from Cairns, is regularly visited by tourist parties.

CALL OF THE TROPICS

THE **Sunshine Route** brings new and fascinating holiday locations within convenient reach of the centres of population. There are the mountain and oceanside resorts of the near North Coast; the rich dairying and agricultural areas of Wide Bay and Burnett; Rockhampton, with Emu Park and Yeppoon on the seaboard; Mackay's picturesque Pioneer Valley choked with waving acres of sugar-cane, the tall-standing forests and dairy pastures on Eungella Range, and pretty resorts along the seaboard; Townsville, burnished gateway to the Tropics, with towering Castle Hill, and Magnetic Island set in a springtime sea of blue; and then the tropical approach through the Kingdom of Sugar to Cairns and its magnificent hinterland—a thrilling climax to the "Long Trail, the trail that is always new."

Lion or Pentecost Island from Lindeman Island.

BRISBANE-CAIRNS VIA THE SUNSHINE ROUTE



TRAVEL SERVICE

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU offers a complete travel service for tourists, and for this purpose maintains offices at Perth, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville, and Cairns.

These offices are staffed with travel specialists who will readily assist in planning a tour along the Sunshine Route and to North Queensland.

Concession fares are offered from Southern Capitals to Brisbane and from Brisbane to Cairns and towns of embarkation for Barrier Reef Islands. Special stopover privileges are granted to passengers travelling to Cairns on tourist concession tickets allowing break of journey en route. Further details may be obtained from the folder "Queensland Travel Bargains."

For those who cannot afford the time for a break of journey at Rockhampton the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau arranges a twenty-minutes motor tour of Rockhampton while the Sunshine Express is at that station. Bookings for the tour may be arranged at any office of the Bureau or with the conductors en route. Cost of tour is two shillings.

Hot and cold plunge and shower baths and dressing rooms are provided adjacent to the Refreshment Rooms at Brisbane Central, Rockhampton, and Townsville for the convenience of passengers. Shower baths for male passengers are also available at Mackay.



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